

Skully

About: Though popular in the mid- 20th century, the game of Skully may have been invented in the 1800's along with the invention of the crown rimmed bottle cap which was often used as a playing piece in this game. It was a popular game for children who lived in urban areas, particularly New York City, who would often play on sidewalks.

Number of players: at least 2

Other supplies needed: chalk, sidewalk/paved driveway, bottle cap/checkers piece/ similar game piece.

Instructions:

1. On a paved driveway/ concrete sidewalk draw a Skully board with your chalk (template in separate link)
2. Each player will then take turns flicking their bottle cap/ game piece to each square in order from 1 to 13.
3. Since you will start by aiming at box 1, place your bottle cap/ game piece a few inches outside of the box
4. You should be flicking your bottle cap/ game piece using your thumb and forefinger NOT tossing it.
5. When you flick your cap, try not to touch the lines. If you do not touch any line, you can take another turn right away (the other players must wait).
6. If you knock another player's cap out of a box, you can proceed to the next box automatically and take another turn.
7. If your piece gets knocked out of the box, you must play from where your piece landed.

Additional Notes:

- You must complete the trapezoid (the 4 numbers immediately surrounding the 13) AND the 13 box in order to win the final box.
- If the game is too easy for you, you can add a variation: Once you've made it from 1 to 13, go in reverse from 13 to 1. When you have accomplished this, you can become a "killer". This means that if you knock out another player's cap/piece 3 times, that person is out of the game.